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COMMENTS FROM THE STUMP
DUNMOR IN RETROSPECT

As I drove through the rolling farm land of central Kentucky, scattered with only very small towns, save Bowing Green, Ky., which was the largest in the area, on my way to Dunmor, Ky., for NSCA's spring meeting, I never dreamed that the show would be the success it was. Of course I knew the regular Scriptors would be in attendance, but I only imagined that the weekend would draw little if any public interest. Was I in for a surprise.

Upon arriving at the Lake Malone State Park, and at the Everly's Lake Malone Inn, I was greeted by a most sociable hotel staff and immediately made to feel like I was someone special, not just a common tourist. The accommodations were great and the only complaint I could come up with, being a natural "complainer", was that no remote switch was with the T. V. The food was great, reasonably priced for a state park, and everyone in attendance was equally pleased. The restaurant was yet another story. The walls were lined with pictures and Gold and Platinum framed records awarded Don Everly of the Everly Brothers. The dining room was very cozy complete with a candlelight atmosphere. He had purchased the Inn in 1977 and it is one of the most popular state parks in Kentucky. The lobby is very spacious and has a large stone fireplace. Each evening live entertainment was provided and the area was filled to capacity with guests. Scriptor Claude Travis, Jr., our host for this meeting, had done his homework quite well indeed.

After a great evening of "room hopping" to trade scrip and greeting all my friends and fellow Scriptors, I still had doubts about the public attending in any great number. Heck, the lodge was located at least six or seven miles from anywhere and Dunmor was so small that I passed through it before I realized it was Dunmor. But early Saturday mooring an eager and enthusiastic crowd filled the meeting room and my doubts were erased and I had to eat "humble pie" for all my negative doubts. We had over 100 guest sign the register, signed up five new members and handed out numerous membership applications. The Muhlenberg County Bicentennial Committee also advertised our meeting and had a representative present at the meeting. Also the Mayor of Dunmor came by to visit with everyone.

After a great meeting, everyone gathered for our banquet and general membership meeting. Scriptor Claude Travis, Jr., was given a round of applause thanking him for making our visit to Dunmor such a great success. John J. Podgurski and Tom Shook were recognized as traveling over 1,000 miles from Pennsylvania to attend and C. F. Colley and his wife drove from Alabama. The Paul Jensen Display Awards were present to Mark Ballard, Tom Shook and myself. Jim Medd was presented the Ancil Dohonoe Literary Award and Mark Ballard and myself were presented the Fred Lange Outstanding Member Award for 1998. The Membership Award will be sent to Elesa Ballard who signed up five new members during the year. Bill Williams placed second with four members recruited and we had nine other members who signed one new member each. Our Internet page brought in other new members. An oversight was made by "the Phantom II" and the award plaque was not brought to the meeting. Finally, the fall meeting site was approved by a majority vote of the membership and Huntington, WV was chosen. Scriptor Jim Lackey will be the host.

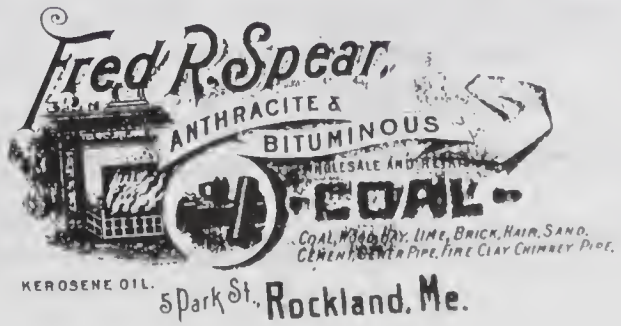
After the meeting we took a break and started the floor auction at 9:00 P. M. I thought I was the little barefoot boy in the cow pasture and stepped in, well you know what, when I changed the rules of the auction in an attempt to speed up the proceeding. My excuse of not having an auctioneer and was going to conduct the auction according to "Stump Rules" didn't go over at all and sure didn't help get me out of the "cow pasture". I was "rode like a mare-mule", especially by Scriptor Peggy Koenig. Therefore, upon reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws it give the President the authority to delegate duties. I delegated the auction duties to Peggy and she has agreed to coordinate the mail/floor auction in the future.

As I drove back home through the rolling countryside of central Kentucky, I finished off my "humble pie" as I recorded this meeting as yet another great NSCA meeting.

DUMMOR MAIL/FLOOR AUCTION RESULTS

Lots 1/$12.00, 3/$15.25, 6/$13.56, 8/$20.00, 13/$5.00, 19/$22.00, 21/$10.00, 24/$3.01, 26/$11.00, 30/$19.00, 31/$6.00, 35/$9.00, 36/$10.00, 37/$20.00, 38/$22.00, 39/$20.00, 40/$20.00, 42/$12.00, 46/$9.00, 54/$15.00, 59/$12.00, 65/$11.50, 66/$6.00, 67/$6.00, 68/$30.00, 70/$80.00, 71/$15.00, 76/$15.00, 77/$35.00, 80/$12.00, 81/$6.00, 84/$10.00, 85/$15.00, 94/$7.00, 95/$10.00, 96/$10.00, 97/$7.50, 98/$22.00, 100/$7.50, 101/$7.50, 102/$8.00, 103/$17.50, 104/$22.00, 105/$6.00, 107/$40.00, 109/$26.00, 110/$10.00, 111/$12.00, 113/$5.00, 124/$10.00, 128/$5.00, 133/$20.00, 138/$7.50, 140/$15.00, 141/$20.00, 142/$15.00, 144/$22.00, 146/$30.00, 156/$6.00, 158/$22.00, 161/$37.50, 162/$110.00, 163/$20.00, 164/$13.00, 165/$41.00, 171/$12.00, 172/$26.00 177/$30.00, 178/$29.00, 179/$22.00, 184/$65.00, 184/$55.00, and special added lot 187/$55.00.

TOTAL LOTS SOLD - $1,325.54 - NSCA COMMISSION - $132.55.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DUNMOR KY
MAY 1, 1998

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the NSCA, Inc. was called to order by President W. C. Stump at 3:00 P. M., May 1, 1998 in Dunmor, Ky. In attendance were W. C. Stump, Crawford Blakeman, Harold Snodgress, Elesa Ballard, Tom Shook, Mark Ballard, Sheila Medd, Bill Williams, Claude Travis, Jr., and R. R. Tippy. The agenda was handled as follows:

1. A motion was made by Tom Shook to omit reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in SCRIP TALK.

2. Elesa Ballard reported that we have one thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents in the regular checking account. In our book fund account we have seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-six cent cents. We have paid two thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty cents on our new lumber book. In our lifetime account we have three thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighteen cents. No money has been taken out for five year memberships since we had borrowed from this account last year to meet expenses.

3. The motion to pay the sale tax up front on the lumber book to avoid collecting it on individual books was made by Sheila Medd, seconded by Elesa Ballard, and passed unanimously. Tom Shook moved that the price of the book be set at $45.00 postpaid to members and $55.00 postpaid to non-members. Seconded by Claude Travis, passed with a 4 yea to 1 nay vote.

4. The motion that the books should be sold only to legitimate book dealers with a sales tax number was made by Tom Shook, seconded by Sheila Medd and passed unanimously.

5. It was decided unanimously to bring before the general membership the decision about the site for the Fall meeting after a motion was made by Sheila Medd and seconded by Claude Travis, Jr. Elesa Ballard made a motion to place the decision before the membership on May 2, 1998 concerning the Spring 1999 meeting to be held at the Landmark Inn in Pikeville, Ky. on the second weekend in May, 1999, seconded by Sheila Medd and passed unanimously.

6. It was clarified that no deletions be made in the West Virginia book that could be verified. All members are asked to send attributions in their possession about companies which might be considered questionable.

7. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the publication of an identification guide for coal scatter tags to be ready by the fall meeting at a cost of less than $1,000.00 as a result of a motion by Claude Travis, Jr. and seconded by Tom Shook.

8. New Business:

A. Elesa Ballard moved that members may have books at cost plus postage to donate to their library by furnishing a receipt from the library to NSCA, seconded by Claude Travis, Jr. and passed unanimously.

B. The committee voted four to one that no honorary life memberships be given out this year.

C. Regarding the 25 year certificates that were sent out earlier this year, it was clarified that Life Members did not receive them.

D. A membership listing will be put out this year along with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

E. Discussion of methods of auctions ensued and a revision of methods was decided to be discussed later for the next auction.

Mark Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Shook and was approved unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned.

Sheila Medd - Secretary

W. C. Stump - President

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
May 2, 1998

The twenty-sixth meeting of the general membership of the National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc. held at Everly Inn in Dunmore, KY, was called to order at 6:45 PM on May 2, 1998, by W.C. Stump, President.

1. Claude Travis was thanked for a super arrangement for the meeting in which over 100 guests signed the register.
2. John Podurskey drove the farthest-just short of 1,000 miles.
3. Bill Stump read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting and presented two possibilities for the fall meeting to the membership. The site at Huntington, WV, at the Uptowner was approved over the Holiday Inn at Oak Hill, WV, by a vote of ten to four. The second option was kept open until room rates could be determined.
4. The membership award will be announced in Scrip Talk as the information was not available at the meeting. (The Phantom fouled up!) We had four new members join at the meeting, bringing the membership to 290.
5. Tom Shook awarded the Literary Award to Jim Medd for "A Ghost Town". Tom explained that the Literary Award runs from May to May each year and recognizes originality as well as research.
6. John Podurski awarded the Paul Jenson Peoples Choice Awards as follows:
   First Place-Mark Ballard for his exhibit on U.M.W.A. Badges
   Second Place-Bill Stump for his exhibit on Coal Scatter Tags
   Third Place-Tom Shook for his History and Information about Coal Scrip
7. Crawford Blakeman presented the Fred Lange Outstanding Member Award to Mark Ballard and W.C. Stump.
8. Three drawings for door prizes were made by Elesa Ballard.
9. The meeting was adjourned.

Sheila Medd, Secretary

W.C.Stump, President

NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31.

MAIL TO:
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110 BRADDOCK ST.
CROSSVILLE, TN. 38555-9115

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____

$ _____ ANNUAL DUES $15.00

$ _____ LIFE MEMBERSHIP $300.00

NSCA, INC. REFERENCE BOOKS FOR MEMBERS

_____ COPIES OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF VOLUME I, 3RD EDITION - ALL STATES EXCEPT WV $30.00 + $3.00 SHIPPING TO MEMBERS. $40.00 + $3.00 SHIPPING TO NON-MEMBERS.

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_____ COPIES OF *EXPLOSIVE CONTROL TOKENS* BY DAVID SCHENKMAN $18.00 + $3.00 SHIPPING.

_____ COPIES OF 2ND EDITION *CATALOGUE OF LUMBER STORE TOKEN SCRIP* BY TERRY N. TRANTOW, $40.00 + $5.00 SHIPPING.

WANTED!

TENNESSEE TOKENS

COAL TOWNS

Cartwright	Orme
Crab Orchard	Spencer
Crawford	Turley
Oneida	Whiteside

LUMBER TOWNS

Clairfield Oakdale	
Duff	Oneida
Gennett	Sunbright
Kingsport	Trimble
Norma	Winfield

WISCONSIN LUMBER TOKENS WANTED

Bundy- Bundy Lbr. Co.- $1.00
Carter- Miner Bros.- ALL
Cecil- W.C. Zachow Co.- 10 & 25 cent
Dexterville- Geo. Hiles & Son.- 1 meal
Elcho- Fish-Johnson Lbr. Co.- 10 cent, $1.00
Fairchild- N.C. Foster Lbr. Co.- 25 cent
Farmers Mutual Trading Co.- 5 cent
Fosterville- Vilas County Lbr. Co.- 10 cent
Hayward- N.W.L. Co.- 1/4 M Culls
Hazelhurst- Yawkey Lbr. Co.- 5 &25 cent, $1.00
Yawkey-Bissell Lbr. Co.- 10 cent(comma)
Laona- Connor Lbr. & Land Co.- 25, 50, $5
Ruby- Ruby Lbr. Co.- $1.00
Tigerton- Tigerton Lbr. Co.- $1.00.
Winchester- Turtle Lake Lbr. Co.- 5 cent

OTHER TOKENS WANTED

Texarkana (AR & TX)
Oconto, WI
Texas Coal
TN CWT (Knoxville&Dedham)
TN CCC Tokens

Jim & Sheila Medd
110 Braddock St.
Crossville, TN 38555
(931)456-2704
sgmedd@multipro.com

ARTICLES OF INTEREST NEEDED FOR FUTURE PUBLICATION

Articles of interest for the August issue of *Scrip Talk* are needed **now!!** Many members have stated that our articles are anticipated with each printing and to keep the past alive, I need for every member to take a brief minute and send us a favorite article from your area. A special award plaque is presented for the best article written each year. YOU can win this special literary award come next May with your special article.

WHAT A NICE WEEKEND!

By: Sheila Medd

Jim and I took off early Friday morning for the spring meeting in Dunmor, Kentucky. Because we had failed to request directions, we were not exactly sure how long it would take us to get there. Going up 431 we noticed signs posted giving the mileage to Lake Malone and generally found the way well marked, arriving shortly before noon. We found some of our group checking in or eating lunch. The Everly's Inn was lovely and homey with a huge fireplace in the main lobby and a smaller one in the lobby of the second floor. Our first reservation was that no one would be able to find the show on Saturday. The rest of our group slowly arrived, many of them taking numerous unanticipated tours of the countryside. An evening of lively trading took place. Many of us also enjoyed the live entertainment provided in the lobby of the inn. We all missed Mary Travis, the wife of our thoughtful host, Claude Travis, Jr., as she was hospitalized for the weekend.

All my reservations from the day before were dispelled by 7:45 Saturday morning as people were standing in line waiting for the show to open. The place was shortly jammed and there was a steady flow of guests through early afternoon. After finding a token for my horse collection and a nice counterstamped silver dollar, Jim and I ran across the street to a nice little store, grabbed a sandwich there, and were serenaded by one of the most vocal mockingbirds I have ever heard. On returning, we found about three more tokens. After the show wound down, I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Derby on television. While Jim finished napping, I too a walk by the lake where a pair of Canadian geese were very patient with me as I took a close look at their six goslings.

By six that evening I was starved and thoroughly enjoyed the fried chicken and roast beef served for us as well as the cobblers for dessert. After a really good meal, we had the business meeting and the floor auction. Also live entertainment was again provided in the lobby. We also met some lovely people who attended the show and banquet. Claude did a super job in getting the show promoted and making arrangements. Thank you very much Claude. Frankly, I would love to see this as a regular meting place for the spring show.

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOGRAPH PLANNED

Beginning with the next official gathering of the NSCA, a special group photograph will be made to record who attended the meeting and provide a great memento for your photo album as well as become a permanent record for the NSCA archives.

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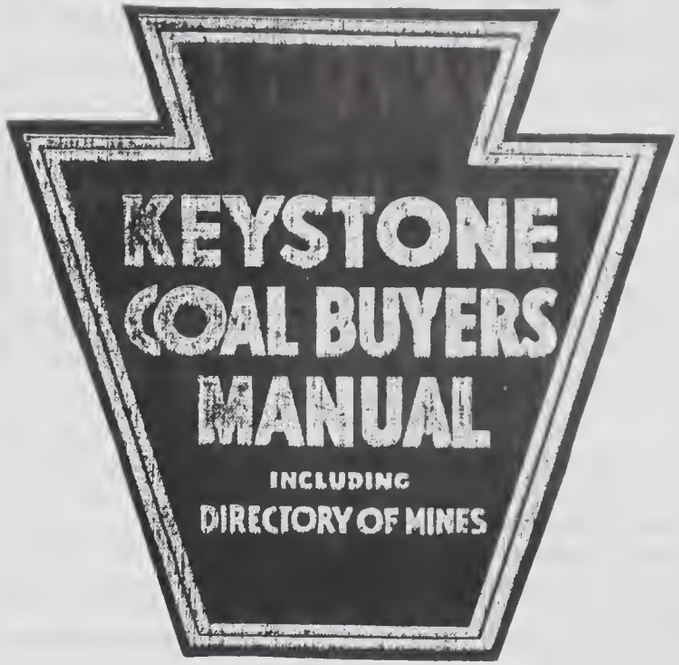

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CORKEY'S COMMENTS

By: Harold Snodgress

When I have a good meeting, whether at a regular NSCA meeting or at a "Mini-Meeting", I always want to let my fellow Scriptors know about it. In 1995, a special regional NSCA sponsored meeting was held in Harlan, Ky. President Stump and his hometown collectors, Cecil Junior Philpot and Richard Farmer hosted one of the best meetings I have ever attended. From the beginning of the show at 8:00 A. M. until it closed around 4:00 P. M., I had brisk and good business. I picked up some great mining lamps, traded and bought good tokens, and had a great time. My traveling companion James Harvey, Sr., told me that he did more business at the Harlan "Mini Meeting" than he ever did at any regular NSCA meeting. Therefore, when I heard that the Harlan boys were planning another meeting this coming July, I wanted to take this time to recommend their efforts. I know that they will have a great meeting and urge all my fellow Scriptors to make plans to attend. Both Mr. Harvey and myself will be leading the way from West Virginia to Harlan, Ky., on July 17-18, 1998. Fellow members from Illinois and Tennessee have indicated that they will also be in attendance as well. We hope to see everyone there and anticipate a great day of scrip collecting, telling of tall R-10 tales, and getting to see all our friends again before October when the NSCA comes back to West Virginia for the Fall meeting at Huntington.

COLLECTING SCRIP OR STAMPS?

By: Crawford H. Blakeman

After many years of collecting one thing or another, it is evident to me that all collectors have one thing in common: an inherited gene that keeps them after some particular items. It appears also to me that we are depriving our fellow collectors in the stamp collecting field of a source of pleasure when we use meter marks or common stamps on our mail. Our Post Office Department prints many commemorative stamps which are never seen by most of the general public, and are seldom used to frank mail. Since these stamps are seldom used, collectors do not have too many opportunities to obtain used copies. This is a hindrance particularly to very young collectors without the means to obtain many mint copies. Maybe, remembering that we are a collecting group, we should use commemorative stamps for our mail where possible, and make them available to stamp collectors who want them. I suppose I am reverting to my boyhood days when people saved their used stamps for me. Please think about it!

POTENTIAL HOARD ALERT

By: W. C. Stump - Editor

It has come to my attention that a possible hoard of Sutton Chemical Co. scrip has surfaced. Recently two sets of this scrip, WV 2729A series, Sutton, WV., were sold for $250.00 per set. In Edkins Catalogue of United States Coal Company Scrip, Second Edition, Volume II, West Virginia, this scrip is listed as all R-10's with the exception of A1a and A50 which are R-9's. In a recent trade publication it was reported that a set(s) were be advertised for $22.50 for a six token set. This has a member quite upset as he had just paid $250.00 for a set and purchased another for the low $22.50 per set price. Anyone having any information as to whether a hoard has surfaced or a mere bargain was sold, please let Mark Ballard, New Finds Editor or myself know immediately. In the meantime, inquires into this alleged hoard is being investigated and any further details will be passed on in the next issue of *Scrip Talk*.

GENERAL ELECTION FAST APPROACHING

The time for the election of officers to serve from 1999 to 2001 will be held this December. However, with only two more issues of *Scrip Talk* to be published this year (August and October) everyone needs to be thinking of who they would like to represent them for the next two years. Positions for a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and General Counsel must be filled. The first guidelines for the election will be printed in the August issue of *Scrip Talk*.

NEW AUCTION COORDINATOR APPOINTED

By: W. C. Stump

I am pleased to announce that Peggy D. Koenig of has agreed to serve as the Mail/Floor Bid Auctioneer and Coordinator effective immediately. She will be organizing all mail bid auctions and may be reached at the following address:

Peggy D. Koenig
205 S. Main Street
Fort Branch IN 47648

NATCA

NATCA was founded in September 1996 by a group of dedicated collectors of trade tokens. The Association has a broad-based, many-handed national foundation dependent on the input of all its members. The Constitution and Bylaws and the Code of Ethics assure the long term existence of NATCA.

NATCA has a core group of ten collectors representing and acting for its members.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Board of Directors (5 members)
- Editor

These officers comprise the Executive Committee which manages the affairs of NATCA. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Editor, extremely vital to the success of the organization, are appointed by the Executive Committee, while the other offices are elective. Elected officers serve for a two-year term.

The aims of NATCA are to:

- promote the collecting of merchant trade tokens and other exonumia made of metal, cardboard, plastic, wood, vulcanite, celluloid, etc.
- foster good relations and fellowship in the token-collecting hobby
- encourage study and sharing of information through articles and monographs about token-issuing business, tokens themselves (such as series and new finds), and token manufacturers or diesinkers.

The first issue of *Talkin' Tokens*, the monthly official publication of NATCA, appeared in October 1996. The inaugural issue of 40 pages has grown and matured to the point where the May 1997 issue containing 96 pages was probably the largest single token publication, other than token catalogs, ever issued. That large May issue was followed by an issue of 88 pages in June 1997!

Talkin' Tokens is a newsletter magazine largely devoted to informational articles contributed by members, educational articles, and advertising consisting mainly of mail bid sales, mixed price lists, and information advice.

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The publication also features free member classified ads of up to 35 words in each issue, notices of regional token shows, reviews of token catalogs, a calendar of upcoming token auctions, a listing of national and regional token organizations, Association news, and more. *Talkin' Tokens* is published monthly, a full twelve times a year, and is sent to all NATCA members by first class postage.

NATCA has enjoyed rapid membership growth, starting with zero in September 1996, up to 407 by the end of 1996, topping 500 by June 1997, and standing at 577 members as of October 1997. NATCA has a stated goal of attaining a membership of 1,000 by the end of 1998.

Another important activity of NATCA is the annual membership meeting held in conjunction with the National Token and Medal Show, usually held on Labor Day weekend. The Executive Committee selects a location for this Show which has good transportation connections, hotel and dining accommodations, and a central location which is readily accessible for members residing coast-to-coast and north-to-south.

In addition to the bourse tables manned by collectors and dealers, the NATCA show provides a major, combination mail and floor bid sale of exonumia conducted by a well known national dealer. The meeting and show give members the opportunity to connect faces and personalities to what otherwise are just names. The show provides a long weekend of exciting buying, selling and trading.

Included in the NATCA membership fee is a free classified ad in each issue of *Talkin' Tokens*, an attractive permanent membership card, and an annual membership roster which lists names, addresses, telephone numbers, collecting interests, member advertising, and a variety of additional information—a veritable directory of token collecting!

For further information, please contact:

Duane H. Feisel, Secretary
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Address _____ Occupation _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E-Mail Address _____ FAX No. _____

Token Collecting Interests (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

I hereby apply for membership in the National Token Collectors Association. I agree that if I am elected to membership I will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Token Collectors Association, and its Code of Ethics.

Date _____ **Signature** _____

One-year membership benefits include 12 issues of *TALKIN' TOKENS* mailed by first class postage, a free classified ad up to a maximum of 35 words in each issue, a permanent membership card, and a membership roster which lists and classifies member collecting interests.

Payment in US funds enclosed:

One-year Membership - $25.00	$_____
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IDENTIFICATION BOOK ON SCATTER TAGS NOW IN PRODUCTION

By: W. C. Stump - Editor

A new reference book will be published later this year dealing with the identification of coal company "scatter tags" and other identification logos from the coal companies and coal sales agents of the past. The collecting of scatter tags has become very popular and no reference guide is presently available to assist the collector in identifying these colorful and historical items from the past.

Mark Ballard and W. C. Stump are now in the early research stage of producing the book and plan to have the 1st edition ready by early October of this year. The Executive Committee of the NSCA have approved the production of this book and it will be made availabe as another of the organizations book projects.

In the August issue of *Scrip Talk* an update on the progress of this new book will be reported. In the meantime, if you have any unusual scatter tags in your collection please contact the co-ordinators of this project at the addresses below.

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RESEARCHING COAL COMPANY HISTORY HELPFUL HINTS

By: Crawford H. Blakeman

After several years of avid scrip collecting, it became apparent to me that learning the history behind the scrip was just as pleasurable and perhaps more important that the act of acquiring and the possession of mine scrip. The comments I make here are meant as somewhat of a guide to those collectors who would like to delve a little deeper into the history of mines and mine scrip. My first bit of advice as far as history is concerned, is to limit your field to what you would like to research, probably the same as your collecting interests. After years of "shrinking" the area of interest for myself, I find my hands full with three counties in Southeastern Kentucky, namely Bell, Knox and Whitley, along with that portion of Claiborne County, Tennessee, bounded by Bell County, Kentucky.

It is my belief that a large number of scrip collectors, new and old, do not understand fully the scope of Gordon Dodrill's *20,000 Coal Company Stores*. In no way do I intend to minimize the work of Dodrill, nor the importance of his book; truly it is a work of importance and a valuable tool. One must note however, that Dodrill did not primarily intend to list coal mines as such; as the title of the work states, "Company Stores", not mines. A great number of mines, many issuing scrip, were not listed simply because there was no record in the *Keystone Directories* of their having a company store. As far as I have been able to ascertain, Dodrill's only source of information was from the *Keystone Directories*, and these not before 1903 as stated on the cover of his book. As an example why this is not the complete picture, most of the mining area I have studied began years before 1903, causing even the complete omission of many scrip issuing mines. Also, if Keystone made an error, it follows that Dodrill made an error, and this must be taken into account. In Kentucky, and probably in most coal producing states, the Department of Mines and Minerals made an annual report to the Governor, probably the most factual source if information to be had. One must go direct to the "horses mouth", the Department of Miners and Minerals, to see the microfilm records. Rarely one will see a piece of scrip that is not mentioned in Dodrill, Edkins, or the state records, in which case other records sometimes help. Telephone directories, R. G. Dun Directories, and the like sometimes help. Other records such as Geological Surveys and even newspapers can be of help. Another thing we have to thank Gordon Dodrill for probably is not known to most scrip collectors. Gordon worked from index cards, keeping things such as names of officers, dates of anything relative, such as the company being succeeded or itself succeeding another company. These cards were given to NSCA, and are in the possession of the NSCA except for those for West Virginia. These cards have been of great benefit to me, perhaps more than the Dodrill book itself. To give you an idea of the scope of some research, I have compiled a record of about 600 mining companies in Bell County, Ky., beginning in the 1800's until about 1950. Somewhere near 150 of these issued scrip.

Because you do not find it in Dodrill or Edkins, don't give up. If you find out anything about Queen Valley Coal Co., Williamsburg, Ky., please let me know!

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THE WITCH AT WORK AGAIN

By: Steve Cawood

I have shared with my fellow scrip collectors unusual coincidences between my hobby and my law practice in the past, and it's happened again. I think the "witch" is at work once again.

One Saturday, last Spring, I visited our friend Crawford Blakeman and he showed me his latest "find", a quarter issued by the "Artemus-Jellico Coal Company", Artemus, Knox County, Kentucky (117 KY C25-UL). The piece was the first of its kind we had seen, with a nickel and dollar listed as R-10, and I have an unlisted dime.

I told Crawford about a search I had underway, and the fact that by chance I was spending the following Monday in Knox County on the project, and the problem I had being one rooted in the Artemus-Jellico Railroad Company. We pondered on the possible relationship of the mine and the railroad.

Two days later, I could report that there probably is none. Two days later, I had worked on the title and spent the day with Phil Fox, Sr. who had worked for and managed the "A-J" Railroad from its inception in 1929, until it was abandoned and scrapped in 1952. The scrip Crawford had shown me was dated "1901". Murat H. Davidson, of Cincinnati, owned the Artemus-Jellico Railroad during its entire existence, and neither he nor his railroad was in the mining business. In fact, Mr. Fox showed me a photograph of the railroad's only hopper car, which was used to haul coal for its steam engines from the mines it served, to its engine house and coaling station at the junction of the "A-J" with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Artemus; it was his policy to buy coal his locomotives consumed from the customers who were the lifeblood of the branch line.

The Jellico seam was one of the two principal coals found along the L & N running through the community of Artemus, Ky. It was also the easiest to mine because it was big coal (often 6' - 12' thick), and could be worked as a drift mine and dumped into a tipple where gravity would haul it several hundred feet down the mountainside to the elevation of the L & N Railroad, or the "A-J" Railroad's predecessor the Cumberland Railroad. It was our conclusion that Crawford's new find had been issued by a mine at Artemus that derived its name from the coal seam it worked.

Ironically, in spite of this reasoned analysis, when I examined the deed for the sale of the Artemus-Jellico Railroad property to the K. C. Land Company in 1952, Mr. Davidson had executed the deed as President of the Artemus-Jellico Coal Company!!. (See Deed Book 107 at page 552 in the records of the Knox County Clerk in Barbourville, Kentucky.?

Incidentally, I toured the old Artemus-Jellico right-of-way with Mr. Fox, and he pointed out the grade for the Coalport Railroad, which paralleled it across the Cumberland River up to the mouth of Brush Creek where the Coalport Coal Company's mine was located (KY. 612).

As I drove Mr. Fox home, he reminded me of what an interesting microcosm of history we had delved into that day; history that solved puzzles for scrip collectors, and incidentally, befuddled lawyers as well! It's also interesting to note that but for our little hobby, there will soon be no trace of any of this history, nor anyone to pass on the word of it.

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THE COAL SCRIP COLLECTOR

By: Chris Jones
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Editors Note: The following poem was printed in a back issue of Scrip Talk. I ran across it by accident and thought it was most interesting and worthy of a "re-run".

The Coal Scrip Collector is a wandering man indeed;
Forever vainly seeking that piece he does need.
He will search from attic to basement, even dig in the ground;
Until that long sought token finally is found.
You will see him in every Flea Market, Auction and junk store too;
Hunting, hoping, searching for one piece or two.
And when finally a piece if found, after a long weary look;
Away home you find him rushing to find it in "Edkins Book."
The hunt can be rewarding, a whole lot of fun;
But, also disappointing when that you though an R10 is really a R1.
There is also a scrip collector's language that only a scrip collector would understand.
Such as "ORCO PAT PEND" which means nothing to a common man.
He will help preserve the history of a long forgotten mine;
Which issued a piece of scrip that he happens to find.
You will find not only in the old camps, but all across this land;
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SOME ANGLO-IRISH COPPER MINING TOKENS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

By: Mark P. Smith - United Kingdom Scriptor

The half penny token illustrated below was issued by the "Associated Irish Mine Company" for payment to their employees who were principally engaged in mining activities in Southern Ireland.

Such commercial tokens were mass produced during the late eighteenth century by many British companies at a time when there was a shortage in circulation levels of official coin of the realm.

At a time of rapid industrial growth in Britain's economy it was important for concerns like the Associated Irish Mine Company (AIMC) to have a plentiful supply of "ready cash" to meet the demands of their growing mining ventures. Despite calls from many quarters for the Royal Mint to produce new copper coin issues the British government was reluctant to act. As such the captains of Britain's Industrial Revolution were forced to enter into contracts with private mints (most of which were located in Birmingham) to produce the coinage that they so desperately needed.

The Associated Irish Mine Company (AIMC) was founded c.1787 by Abraham Mills (who was later to become Company Chairman), William Roe, Thomas Weaver the elder, Thomas Smith, Charles Caldwell and Brabazon Noble. The company's principal concerns were in copper mining in the Wicklow Hills of Southern Ireland. The official offices of the company were located in 184, Great Britain Street, Dublin. In 1798 the company was incorporated by an Act of Parliament.

One of the company's premier mines was that at Cronebane in the Vale of Avoca, situated across the river from Ballymurtagh about ten miles south west of Wicklow. Their other principle mine was at Tigrony, which was located only half a mile south from Cronebane.

Reverse of an AIMC Halfpenny token of 1789.

as rather than being "worked out" the Cronebane Mine continued to hide its best kept secret until 1788. In this year a six to eighteen feet wide mineral load of high grade copper ore. This rich vein was to prove extremely lucrative for many years. Bad feeling between the Irish owned HMC and the English controlled Cronebane Mines was to become a dominant theme in their close knit histories. No doubt the bad feelings between the two company's, and their ethnically different workforces, reached a peak during the civil unrest in Ireland which led up to the abortive Irish Rebellion of 1798. The HMC were also strongly suspected of having sympathies with the outlawed Republican group the "United Irishmen".

Obverse of a halfpenny of the Hibernian Mine Company bearing the company's cypher "HMC°·" . Around the edge a legend records the names of the company's Chairman (Turner Camac), his brother (James Camac) and the company's founder(John Howard Kyan).

As mentioned earlier by 1787 the Cronebane mines were trading under the new name of the Associated Irish Mines Company. A William Roe was still recorded as being one of the company's directors. Despite the AIMC having registered offices in Dublin it is beyond doubt that the company was still under the direct influence or in partnership with Roe & Co of Macclesfield.

Like the AIMC the English based firm of Roe & Co. also issued half penny tokens between 1789 and 1793. The circulation of these were primarily aimed at the company's work force in Macclesfield, England. However like the AIMC tokens they were inevitably to have a much wider sphere of circulation. Several different token types and die varieties are known for the issues of Roe & Co. That which is most commonly encountered today is description below:

OBVERSE DESIGN: The right facing portrait of Charles Roe around which is the informative legend "CHARLES ROE ESTABLISHED THE COPPER WORKS 1758". This is a reference to the Macclesfield Copper Works where mineral concentrates, initially from Parys Mountain and later the Cronebane mines, would have been smelted.

REVERSE DESIGN: A seated female representing the Genius of Industry holding the shaft of a windlass in one hand and a cogwheel in the other. Behind is depicted a capstan(?). Around a

It is known that the firm of Charles Roe and Company was heavily affiliated to the AIMC. Roe & Co. had copper smelting works at Macclesfield in Cheshire, England and are also known to have issued tokens of their own(see below). No doubt Roe's works smelted much of the copper concentrates produced by the AIMC's mines.

The Cronebane half pennies carry what is believed to be the official Coat of Arms and Crest of the AIMC. It is likely that this same heraldic device was incorporated into the design of the Common seal of the Company, which by Act of Parliament they were empowered to use.

The issues of the AIMC were extremely prolific and they, together with the issues of the Hibernian Mine Company, formed the basis of Ireland's currency during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. This shows how readily exchangeable and accepted such commercial token issues became. This is quite in contrast to the more limited mining "truck" or "scrip" token issues which were also a feature of Britain's Industrial Revolution.

There are thirty varieties of the Cronebane half penny recorded, many of the differences being very trivial. A further twenty four contemporary counterfeit types and twenty die mules are also known. Issue dates range from 1789 to 1796. A description of one of the commonest types of Cronebane tokens is given below;

OBVERSE DESIGN: Head and shoulders of St. Patrick portrayed as a Bishop facing right. A legend around the edge of the token reads; CRONEBANE HALF PENNY.

REVERSE DESIGN: A windlass (manually operated shaft winch) above a shield bearing the company's coat of arms displaying two spades, three picks and a horn of gun powder for blasting. A legend and date around reads; ASSOCIATED IRISH MINE COMPANY 1789

EDGE DESIGN: An incised legend reads; PAYABLE AT CRONEBANE LODGE OR IN DUBLIN

The above details given on the edge of the token are a reference to those places (i.e. the AIMC's head office in Dublin and at Cronebane Miners' Lodge) where the halfpenny tokens were exchangeable, in sufficient quantity, for official coin or notes of the realm.

Roe (and Company) of Cheshire, England.

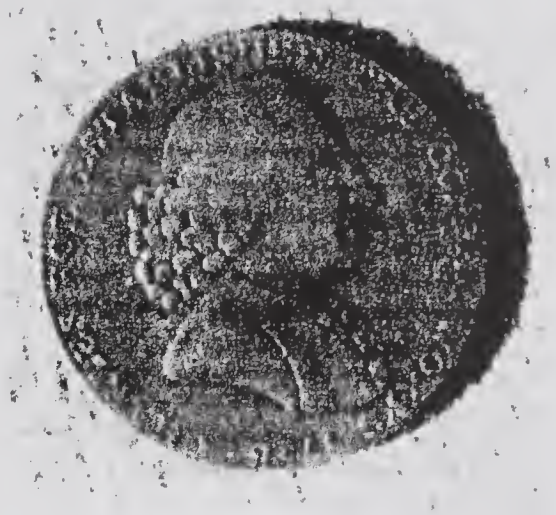
Charles Roe was a leading industrialist of the mid 1700's. Much of his wealth and business empire was based on his various mining and metallurgical interests although he was also a well know silk manufacturer and mill owner in his home county of Cheshire. There still exists a memorial tablet to him in Christ Church, Macclesfield, which carries a lengthy inscription to his various achievements.

Roe & Co. were one of the original developers of the world famous copper mines on Parys Mountain in Anglesey, North Wales. After losing their mining lease on the Mona Mines on Anglesey in 1786 the Company's attentions turned to developing the mines north east of Avoca in Ireland. In order to man their new Irish mines Roe & Co. took with them many of the miners who had previously worked for them in their Mona Mine on Anglesey.

Roe & Co.'s newly purchased copper mines were those previously worked around Cronebane by the Hibernian Mining Company (HMC). By 1786the HMC had moved the centre of their operations to Ballymurtagh on the eastern bank of the Avoca River, adjacent to Tigrony. The sale of the Cronebane Mines to Roe & Co. was, in retrospect, to prove a bad move for the HMC

legend reads MACCLESFIELD HALFPENNY.

EDGE DESIGN: An incised legend reads; PAYABLE AT MACCLESFIELD LIVERPOOL OR CONGLETON



Obverse of a Roe & Co. Halfpenny of 1789

The design of both Roe & Co. and the AIMC tokens are attributed to John Gregory Hancock. Hancock was probably responsible for their minting also. However, the manufacture of many of them can be traced back to a subcontract Hancock had with Matthew Boulton of the Soho works in Birmingham. No doubt much of the copper used in the tokens manufacture originated from Roe & Co.'s smelting works in Macclesfield.

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REGIONAL SCRIP
MEETING II
HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

A regional NSCA, Inc. sponsored scrip meeting will be held in Harlan County, Ky., on July 18, 1998. W. C. Stump, Cecil Philpot, Jr., and Richard Farmer will be hosting this meeting. This will be a repeat of the 1995 meeting held at the same location. Display tables will be provided for a $5.00 registration fee and a free box lunch and refreshments will be served to all members renting tables. This event will be held on a Saturday . If you wish to attend, please set me know as soon as possible so plans for lunch can be verified. Please remit $5.00 with your verification notice provided below.

The location for this event will be held at the Best Western Motel, Hwy. 421-S, Harlan, Kentucky. A double room is priced at $50.00, discounted for NSCA members. Fifteen room are being held and if they are not rented, the room rate will be $59.00.

Local advertising for this event will be extensive and a good response is expected from the public. Harlan County is rich in coal mining history and has always been a great area for scrip and mining artifacts.

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HUNTINGTON, WV CHOSEN FOR SITE FOR FALL MEETING OF NSCA

The membership in attendance at this past meeting at Dunmor voted to go to Huntington, WV for the next meeting of the NSCA in October. Scriptor James H. Lackey will host this meeting and has already booked the Up Towner Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) for our meeting. The facility is located in the heart of downtown Huntington and just three blocks from the West Virginia Belle (a river boat from the past) and the main shopping district. They have one hundred and forty rooms, a great dining room and club, The Drummers, a New York style club with dancing and your favorite cocktails and beverages. To make early reservations, call 1-800-828-9016 or FAX (304) 525-3508. More details will be in the August issue of *Scrip Talk*.

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